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(54) **GRANULAR NONIONIC DETERGENT
COMPOSITION**

(57) Abstract:

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To obtain a granular nonionic detergent composition, good in fluidity, hardly causing an alcohol and an ester odors and consisting essentially of a nonionic surfactant.

SOLUTION: This granular nonionic detergent composition consists essentially of a nonionic surfactant having an ethylene oxide adduct in the molecule and further the following characteristics: (1) the average number (n) of mol of added ethylene oxide within the range of 5-25 and (2) the nonionic surfactant having a distribution of ³10wt.% nonionic surfactant having the average number (n) of mol of the added ethylene oxide based on the whole nonionic surfactant, ³9wt.% nonionic surfactant having the average number (n) ± 1 of mol of the added ethylene oxide based on the whole nonionic surfactant, ³8wt.% nonionic

surfactant having the average number (n) ± 2 of mol of the added ethylene oxide based on the whole nonionic surfactant and 23wt.% nonionic surfactant having the average number (n) ± 5 of mol of the added ethylene oxide based on the whole nonionic surfactant. The granular surfactant can be produced by stirring or granulation or crushing and granulation after kneading and extruding.

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